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SUBJ: OFFICIAL CHINESE REASSURANCES ON FOREIGN POLICY

CONTINUITY

REF: HONG KONG 2231

1. A CANADIAN EMBASSY COLLEAGUE HAS REPORTED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CONCERTED EFFORT BY CHINESE OFFICIALS IN PEKING TO REASSURE WESTERN DIPLOMATS THAT THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS WILL NOT AFFECT THE BASIC THRUST OF CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY. AT A LUNCH GIVEN BY CANADIAN COUNSELOR COPITHORNE ON FEBRUARY 25, MFA DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF WU FAN-WU ALLUDED TO WIDE-SPREAD SPECULATION IN THE PRESS CONCERNING ANTI-FOREIGN ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT MOVEMENT. GIVING EVERY APPEARANCE OF ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, WU EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT ANY CHANGE OF DIRECTION HAD TAKEN PLACE, ADDING POINTEDLY, QUOTE THE REVOLUTIONARY LINE IN FOREIGN POLICY IS THE CREATION OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CCP UNQUOTE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SAME CANADIAN DIPLOMAT, SIMILAR APPROACHES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO TO ALL THE WESTERN EMBASSIES

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IN PEKING EXCEPT THOSE OF FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.

WHY THESE THREE WERE PASSED OVER IS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR, BUT THE FRENCH ARE STILL EMBROILED OVER QUOTE LES CHINOIS A PARIS UNQUOTE, AND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS WITH THEIR NATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF CHINA. SPECIFICALLY, RUMOR HAS IT THAT RIGHT-WING NEWSPAPERS IN WELLINGTON HAVE ASSIGNED REPORTERS TO TAIL PRC DIPLOMATS AND SNAP PHOTOS OF THEM COMMITTING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR THE NEXT DAY'S PAPERS.

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